

7 March 2019

Our ref: F26873
By email

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email, dated 24 January 2019, for the following information:

"On 17 March 2015 a representative of maritime NZ gave a presentation to members of the Taranaki Oil & Gas Security Group (TOGs).... I would like to request the following information under the OIA:

- *A copy of that presentation;*
- *All documents related to TOGs, including meeting agendas, minutes and communications. Maritime NZ does not appear on the initial membership list, so I do not expect this to result in a particularly large number of documents."*

We have considered your request in accordance with the Official Information Act (the Act).

Please find **enclosed** documents covered by your request. Information has been withheld from these documents to protect the privacy of individuals (section 9(2)(a) of the Act). Maritime NZ considers that the withholding of this information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available (section 9(1) of the Act refers).

Renny VanderVelde, Manager, Maritime Security and Incident Response, was the Maritime NZ staff member who gave the presentation to TOGs on 17 March 2015. He is unable to recall whether he provided a Powerpoint, or other written, presentation to TOGs or spoke from notes. Mr VanderVelde has searched his records and has been unable to locate a copy of the presentation. A search has also been undertaken of Maritime NZ's records management system and no copy of the presentation has been located. It is therefore unclear whether a written copy of the presentation exists. Mr VanderVelde's recollection is that the four topics listed in his email of 9 March 2015 accurately describe the broad subjects that he discussed at the meeting.

Maritime NZ is therefore refusing this aspect of your request on the basis that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found (section 18(e) of the Act). In making this decision, Maritime NZ considered whether consulting with you would assist you to make your request in a form that would remove the reasons for the refusal. However, we did not consider that consulting with you would enable this part of your request to be granted.

Maritime NZ has also been unable to locate any meeting agendas, minutes or other communications relating to TOGs. We understand that the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) holds some information relating to TOGs meetings, including agenda and minutes from some meetings. Those documents were included in MBIE's response to an official information request from Greenpeace but some of the information from those documents was withheld under the Act. MBIE has published its response to Greenpeace's official information request on its website:

<https://www.mbie.govt.nz/about/open-government-and-official-information/state-services-commission-inquiry-into-the-use-of-external-security/>

Following consultation with MBIE regarding your request, MBIE advised it has not made any changes to its decision on the information covered by Greenpeace's official information request and the redactions made to those documents, as marked on the documents that have been published on its website, still stand.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision on your request, you can complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman's contact details can be found at: <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/>.

If you have any further queries, please let me know.

Yours sincerely



Emma Debreceeny
Senior Advisor, Ministerial Services

Enc: Documents covered by your request

[REDACTED]

From: Renny VanderVelde
Sent: Monday, 9 March 2015 3:23 p.m.
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Taranaki Oil & Gas Security Working Group meeting (TOGS) - Guest Speaker

Categories: Blue Category

Hi [REDACTED] I will touch on:

- The role of MNZ
- The Safety and Response Group
- The Response Capability
- Maritime Security

Based on the number of people I will keep it informal and 20 – 30 mins

Cheers

Renny

-----Original Appointment-----

From: [REDACTED]@tcil.co.nz]
Sent: Monday, 9 March 2015 9:47 a.m.
To: Renny VanderVelde; [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Taranaki Oil & Gas Security Working Group meeting (TOGS) - Guest Speaker
When: Tuesday, 17 March 2015 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. (UTC+12:00) Auckland, Wellington.
Where: Methanex NZ Ltd - Motunui site, 409 Main Road North, Motunui.

Hi Renny

Below is a copy of the calendar note/email which was sent to Nigel for the upcoming TOGS meeting next Tuesday (I sent you a copy previously but this is just for ease of reference). Could you send through to me a couple of sentences just outlining what you will be talking to the group about so that I can get the agenda done and distributed before Thursday.

Many thanks.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

-----Original Appointment-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 8 January 2015 10:25 a.m.
To: [REDACTED] Nigel.Clifford@maritimenz.govt.nz; [REDACTED]@tcil.co.nz)
Subject: Taranaki Oil & Gas Security Working Group meeting (TOGS) - Guest Speaker
When: Tuesday, 17 March 2015 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. (UTC+12:00) Auckland, Wellington.
Where: Methanex NZ Ltd - Motunui site, 409 Main Road North, Motunui.

Hi Nigel

Please note venue is Methanex NZ Ltd as above (contact : [REDACTED]). Details of how to get to their meeting room are as follows :

On arrival at site, park in the visitor car-park on the left as you turn in off the main road.
Walk in through the main gate and follow the path to reception.
Press the button on the panel on your left hand side, the door will be opened by reception.
On entry you will sign in and be issued visitor cards.
You will be escorted from reception to the meeting room.

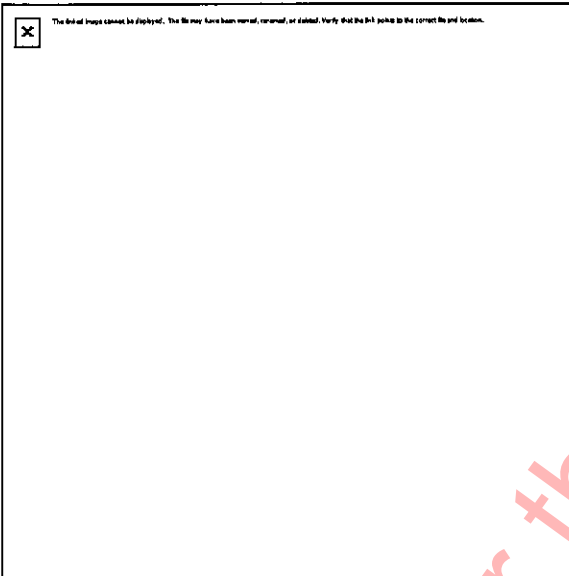
Could I ask that you send through a brief summary of what you will be talking about a week before the meeting so that I can insert it into the agenda for the delegates (Just a sentence or two).

If you have any questions whatsoever, please don't hesitate to contact either myself or [REDACTED]

Kind regards

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[REDACTED]

From: Nigel Clifford
Sent: Tuesday, 18 November 2014 12:00 p.m.
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Invitation to speak at Taranaki Oil & Gas Security Working Group
Categories: Blue Category, Red Category

[REDACTED] Before we go back on this can you see what the flights are like on Weds 10th? When would I have to leave and can I get back on the Wednesday?
Nigel

Nigel Clifford
General Manager Safety and Response Services
Maritime New Zealand
No te rere moana Aotearoa

----- Original message -----

From: [REDACTED]
Date:
To: Nigel Clifford
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Invitation to speak at Taranaki Oil & Gas Security Working Group

Good morning Nigel

Our next TOGS meeting is tentatively scheduled for an afternoon during the week of the 8th December and we would really appreciate you being able to attend as our guest speaker this time around. Could you advise your availability during this week to talk to the group. As soon as we know which afternoons you will be available, we will confirm the preferred days with the group.

Just to reiterate the details in the email [REDACTED] sent through to you for our last meeting :

Most of those attending are HSE leads in their companies some of which aren't off shore operators but I am sure would be interested in

- How Maritime fits within the MEJIG
- Maritime NZ and its roll within security and what it can and can't do around issue motivated groups
- Maritime NZ and its interaction with Port Taranaki
- Your role with safety and response
- How you work in with whole of government responses through to ODESC

The upcoming season has a lot of off shore seismic work coming up so anything focused around that .

The group would certainly benefit from having you there, hope you can make it.

Look forward to hearing back from you. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact either me or [REDACTED] directly.

Kind regards

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[REDACTED]

From: Nigel Clifford
Sent: Monday, 1 September 2014 1:18 p.m.
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Invitation to speak at Taranaki Oil & Gas Security Working Group

Many thanks.

Nigel Clifford
General Manager Safety and Response Services
Maritime New Zealand
No te rere moana Aotearoa

----- Original message -----

From: [REDACTED]
Date:
To: Nigel Clifford
Subject: RE: Invitation to speak at Taranaki Oil & Gas Security Working Group

Hi Nigel,

MNZ is on the steering group and the MEJIG but its role around issue motivated groups is as for any other mariner - investigates and potentially prosecutes as appropriate following a breach of the law.

MNZ administers the Maritime Security Act 2004 - International Ship and Port Security Code - international measures to prevent terrorist use of ships and ports - not illegal access to the ports for criminal offences.

Timely to talk about a MO now appointed to New Plymouth and the work he will be doing.

Timely also to talk about the MNZ response framework - for all incidents including oil spills.

That should be enough for them to think about.

Cheers,

-----Original Message-----

From: Nigel Clifford
Sent: Friday, 29 August 2014 5:21 p.m.
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Invitation to speak at Taranaki Oil & Gas Security Working Group

[REDACTED]

- I've agreed in principle to do this. Can you give me some bullets on the points he is looking for where you can? Thanks.

Nigel

From: [REDACTED]@tcil.co.nz]
Sent: Friday, 29 August 2014 3:59 p.m.
To: Nigel Clifford; [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Invitation to speak at Taranaki Oil & Gas Security Working Group

Hi Nigel thanks for committing to this -- during the last 2 meetings we have had

[REDACTED] National Police Operations discussed the last season and lessons learnt.
Andrew Annakin attended the last one and talked about MBIE / Ministers / life since the introduction of the interference laws and the MEJIG

Most of those attending are HSE leads in their companies some of which aren't off shore operators but I am sure would be interested in

§ How Maritime fits within the MEJIG

§ Maritime NZ and its roll within security and what it can and can't do around issue motivated groups

§ Maritime NZ and its interaction with Port Taranaki

§ Your role with safety and response

§ How you work in with whole of government responses through to ODESC

The upcoming season has a lot of off shore seismic work coming up so anything focused around that

[REDACTED] my office manager will add yourself and [REDACTED] to our mailing list and provide confirmation of timings re this upcoming meeting

Speak soon

From: Nigel Clifford [mailto:Nigel.Clifford@maritimenz.govt.nz]
Sent: Friday, 29 August 2014 9:20 a.m.

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Invitation to speak at Taranaki Oil & Gas Security Working Group

- Thanks for this. Please confirm the date/time/venue as soon as possible as it might be a bit difficult for me to shuffle the diary if things are not fixed. [REDACTED] any more guidance on topics of interest would be good as well. Thanks.

- Please note that this is a possibility at present; no need to move things yet but once the date/time is tied down we can discuss.
Thanks.

Nigel

From: [REDACTED]@porttaranaki.co.nz]

Sent: Thursday, 28 August 2014 4:20 p.m.

To: Nigel Clifford

Cc: [REDACTED]@tcil.co.nz)

Subject: RE: Invitation to speak at Taranaki Oil & Gas Security Working Group

Hi there Nigel, [REDACTED] copied in)

Thanks for the quick reply, and sorry for my slow one -- I've been out of town.

The meeting date has been set down for 23 Sep with New Plymouth Airport as the venue, but both to be confirmed.

I have copied in [REDACTED] who may be in a better position to confirm arrangements, and also for input into subject matter.

From my point of view the interest areas are incident response, intelligence & security.

Thanks again.

Regards, [REDACTED]

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From: Nigel Clifford [mailto:Nigel.Clifford@maritimenz.govt.nz]

Sent: Friday, 22 August 2014 8:33 a.m.

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Invitation to speak at Taranaki Oil & Gas Security Working Group

- Nice to hear from you. I would be very happy to come and meet and talk with the group. I look after the Safety and Response parts of Maritime NZ; this includes maritime incident response in general, SAR and oil in particular and a bunch of other stuff including maritime communications and security and intelligence.

- I do a fair amount of work with Andrew, [REDACTED] both work in my teams.

- I am away in September from 15 – 19 but can try to fit something in at other times. Please could you let me know a bit more about your areas of interest or specific matters that you would like me to address? Also can you indicate a couple of dates/times so that I can try to juggle the diary? Regards,

Nigel

From: [REDACTED]@porttaranaki.co.nz]

Sent: Wednesday, 20 August 2014 5:38 p.m.

To: Nigel Clifford

Subject: Invitation to speak at Taranaki Oil & Gas Security Working Group

Good afternoon Nigel,

I am part of Taranaki Oil & Gas Security Working Group (TOGS).

The next meeting will be towards the end of September, and is possibly at New Plymouth Airport.

There have been discussions at previous meetings as to the inclusion of an MNZ rep.

Your name was mentioned, as was [REDACTED] or an ITOC rep, Renny, and also [REDACTED]

Andrew Annakin (Director Policy MBIE) spoke at our meeting in New Plymouth on Tuesday 24 June 2014.

I understand that you may know Andrew and he may be able to give you a first-hand insight into our group.

With all of the above in mind I would like to sound you out as a potential speaker at our next meeting, or any recommendations that you may have about representation and speaking.

As background, the TERMS OF REFERENCE and membership of the group.....

Purpose

- 1.1 To provide a consultative forum that can effectively provide advice on current, future and direction of Oil and Gas Security within New Zealand.
- 1.2 To provide advice, support on individual operators capabilities and response.
- 1.3 To establish and maintain robust relationships between the members of the group.
- 1.4 To enable a two-way information sharing between members of the group for it to understand situational awareness of activities within the industry and region.

Membership of the group is open to those who have a lead role in the industry in the Taranaki area. Each member should provide one representative from their organisation to attend meetings and are able to provide a proxy if they are unable to attend.

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AWE
Todd Energy
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Regards,

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